REMARKS

This Amendment is fully responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed April 28, 2010.

As an initial matter, the applicants thank the Examiner for considering the applicants' arguments presented during the March 16, 2010 Interview and the subsequent Response filed on April 7, 2010. That consideration, and the resulting withdrawal of the finality of the prior Office Action, are very much appreciated.

The applicants are also grateful for the indication of allowable subject matter in the pending non-final Office Action, at page 5. The applicants have amended each independent claim in the present application (claims 1, 8 and 10) to reflect the essence of the subject matter indicated to be allowable in the Office Action. Corresponding amendments have been made in dependent claims 2 and 12 for the sake of consistency. New claims 18 to 20 have also been added.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims as presented herein contain limitations that patentably define over the references cited in the pending Office Action. Therefore, allowance of the claims is appropriate and respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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